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TOPIC	Information on the Air Force Depot in Strausberg		25X1 25X1
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REMARKS			

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1. During the reported period, [redacted] did not hear the noise of running jet engines at the Soviet air force depot Hegermuehlen Strasse in Strausberg.
2. There was no change in the work force of the installation. Only Major Gubin (fnu), supply officer of the unit, was replaced by an unidentified officer. Source again stated that of the 200 members of the units stationed at the installation 80 to 100 were officers or administrative officers.¹ In February and early March, incoming and outgoing shipments at the installation were on a low level but subsequently increased to a normal volume. From 29 March to 4 April, an average of 6 to 8 boxcar-loads daily arrived at the installation.
3. From 5 March through 2 April, the following turn over of jet engines was observed:

5 March:	7	crates	were	shipped	out	by	rail;
12 March:	10	"	"	"	"	"	"
20 March:	2	"	"	"	"	"	truck;
1 April:	4	"	"	"	"	"	;
2 April:	2	"	"	"	"	"	;
29 March:	15	"	"	"	"	"	rail. 2

- 25X1 [redacted] 4. Motor vehicle traffic observed at the installation prior to 31 March included:

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Load

used motor vehicle tires
drums

boxes
two radial engines
one radial engine

boxes

boxes
boxes

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Load

three in-line engines

boxes

boxes

motor vehicle tires and fuel cans

five 3-axle green van-like trucks with [REDACTED]

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machine tools

boxes

cans

fuel drums

1-axle generator

drums

with three 3-axle green van-like trucks with a window on each side

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van-like truck with a frosted and grated window on each side [REDACTED]

drums

drums

motor vehicle tires

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On 3 April, source observed three green van-like trucks leaving the installation. These trucks were fitted with canvas-covered iron rods 50 cm long projecting to the rear and to the fore at an angle of 45 degrees. [REDACTED] these trucks were radio trucks.³

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5. Rail shipments arriving at the installation from 24 February through 2 April included:

24 February. Two 3-axle trucks with very high bows.

27 February. Three 3-axle green van-like trucks [REDACTED]

One 3-axle truck with high bows and a 2-axle trailer about 6 meters long; a caterpillar tractor with trailer. A rod about 8 cm thick projected

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from the caterpillar tractor to the fore at an angle of 45 degrees. The trailer mounted a system of folded rods at its rear.⁴

4 March. Twelve oil heating carts; nine green van-like trucks; 2 trucks fitted for the transport of personnel; 20 boxcars with an undetermined load arriving via Kuestrin.

31 March through 2 April. Hundred 3-axle ZIS trucks.

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25X1 1. [] Comment. In a previous report Major Gubin was first mentioned as supply officer at the Strausberg air force depot. The previous statement that of the 200 personnel employed at the installation approximately 100 are officers is maintained []

25X1 For lay-out of the installation, see Annex 1.

25X1 2. Comment. As compared with the last quarter of 1952, incoming and outgoing shipments observed at the installation in January and February 1953 were on a higher level. Incoming shipments at the rate of 6 to 8 boxcars per day appears to be a normal volume of traffic. The shipping out of 25 crated jet engines and the arrival of 15 crated jet engines appears to be too low with regard to the requirements of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army in a month which included two weeks of fair weather. It is therefore believed that technical air units are not exclusively served by the Strausberg air force depot.

25X1 3. Comment. For sketch of the radio truck, see Annex 2, sketch 1. Only the rear antennas are shown on this sketch.

25X1 4. Comment. For sketch of the caterpillar tractor, see Annex 2, sketch 2.

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Assignment

Ground attack regiment in Doeberitz
Bomber regiment in Werneuchen
" " " "
Twice observed in Jueterbog
Presumably the headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth
Air Army
Presumably the southern fighter corps
Southern fighter corps
Soviet instruction regiment for VPL in Cottbus
Ground attack regiment in Doeberitz
Presumably the southern fighter corps
Observed in Finow
Southern fighter corps
Fighter regiment in Zerbst
Fighter regiment in Neuruppin
Soviet instruction regiment for VPL
Fighter regiment in Zerbst

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Assignment

Northern fighter corps

" " "

" " "

" " "

Bomber regiment in Werneuchen

Southern fighter corps

Depot

Fighter regiment in Pinow

" " " "

" " " "

presumably the bomber regiment in Werneuchen

Bomber regiment in Werneuchen

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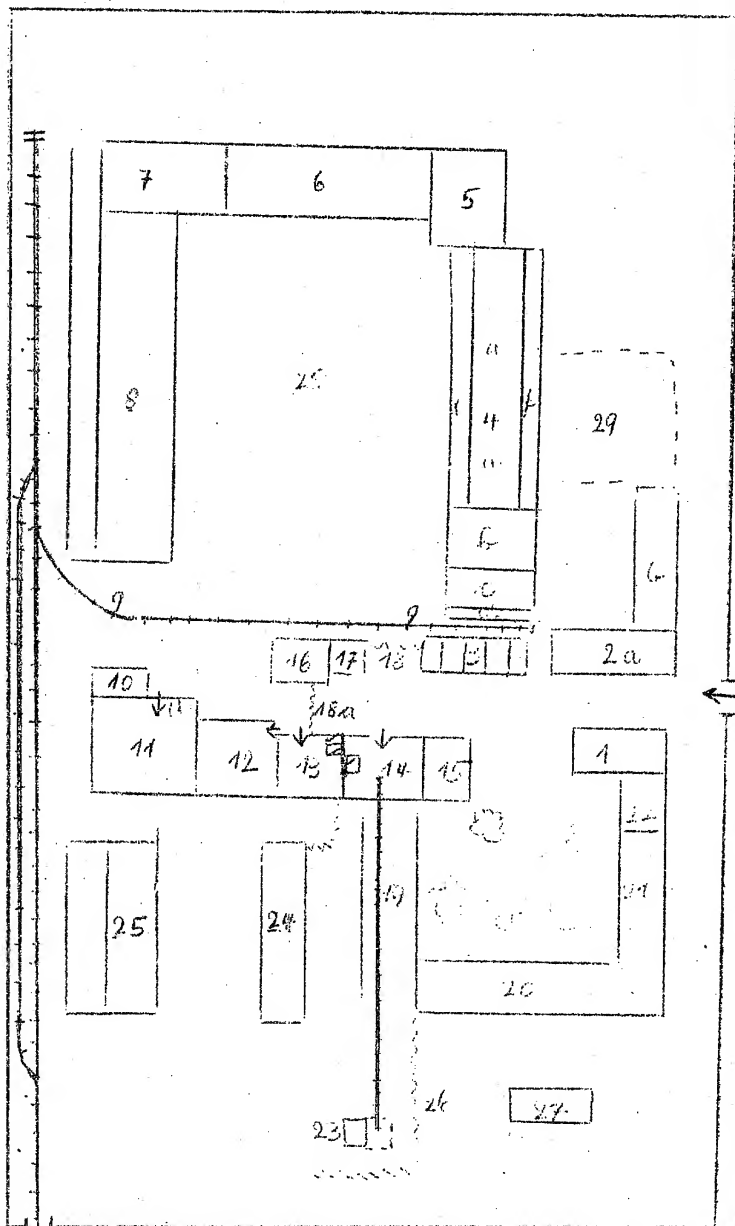
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Annex

Lay-Out of Strausberg Air Force Depot

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Strausberg



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Annex 1 [REDACTED]

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Legend:

- 1 Guard house
- 2a Three-story administrative building
- 2b Quarters facilities
- 3 Garages with five doors
- 4 Storage shed, 180 x 37 x 10 meters
 - a Jet engines
 - b Sections of air frames
 - c Shipping and receiving section
 - d Loading ramp
 - e Small engines, this section is partitioned off by a curtain
 - f Components of engines etc.; this section is partitioned off by a glass wall
- 5 Storage of electrical equipment possibly also radio sets. Chemicals, paints, salt etc. were stored in the basement.
- 6 Storage of raw material, steel tubes, brass and wire
- 7 Carpenter shop
- 8 Storage shed with long loading ramp for incoming goods
- 9 Unloading site for incoming jet engines
- 10 Technical bureau
- 11 Mechanical work shop, equipped with two oil pans, benches and work benches etc. Individual engine parts and weapons are being preserved there.
- 12 Aircraft instruments
- 13 Optical equipment possibly also radio sets. Two boilers serving the pre-heating unit, located in building item 14, were seen there.
- 14 Mechanical work shop with pre-heating unit
- 15 Fire brigade
- 16 Boiler house
- 17 Main guard house with the gate where all visitors of the installation are thoroughly checked.

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- 18 Gate of the depot
- 18a Fence
- 19 Open shed housing empty boxes
- 20 Clothing depot
- 21 Motion picture theatre and mess hall
- 22 PX shop and little commissary
- 23 Jet engine test stand
- 24 Storage shed
- 25 Shed with a large ramp for the loading of motor vehicles. Oxygen bottles were seen in the shed.
- 26 New fence designed to obstruct the view of the jet engine test stand
- 27 Pigsties and stables
- 28 Parking lot for motor vehicles and crates
- 29 Athletic field

Note: The following Soviet personnel were permanently assigned to storage shed No 4:

Jet engine department: 2 officers, 4 to 6 men
Air frame department: 2 officers, 2 or 3 men
Shipping and receiving department: 2 officers, 2 men
Two officers and 4 to 6 EM were assigned to mechanical work shop No 14.
As far as [REDACTED] two officers and some EM were generally assigned to the individual installations of the depot.

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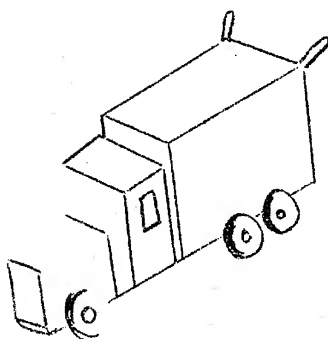
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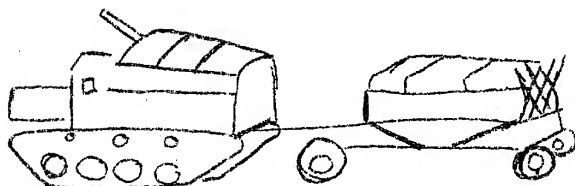
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Annex

Sketch I: Radio Truck Seen at the Strausberg Air Force Depot



Sketch II: Caterpillar Tractor with Trailer



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